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Forestry Commission Hires Shumpert as Service Forester

Hattiesburg, MS—James Shumpert of Nettleton, MS, in Lee County, was recently hired as a Service Forester with the Mississippi Forestry Commission. Shumpert graduated from MSU's College of Forest Resources in 2008 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest & Wildlife Management.

As a Service Forester, Shumpert is responsible for delivering all Forestry Commission programs within his service area, which is primarily Jackson County. Commission programs include wildfire protection, Sixteenth Section forest management, and forestry technical assistance and advice provided to private landowners.

Shumpert works under the direct supervision of Mark Hamilton, District Forester of the Forestry Commission's Southeast District, which is headquartered in Wiggins, Mississippi.

James Shumpert is excited about tackling the many challenges and opportunities of his new job. "I look forward to serving the landowners and citizens of Jackson County," says Shumpert.

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The Mississippi Forestry Commission asks that you **Don't Burn on Windy Days**. Check with local officials for burn ban information.